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A SERMON Preached by Mr. James Row,
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known by the Name of Peckmantis Preaching.

*Jeremiah Chap. 30. Verse 17. For I will restore health
to thee, and I will healches of thy wounds. saith the
LORD, because they called thee an Out-cast,
saying, This is Zion whom no Man seeketh after;*

Need not trouble you much who is meant by
I am here, ye all ken it, it is the poor
Kirk of Scotland; for the Kirk of Scotland is
wounded in her Head, in her Hands, in her Feet,
and in her Heart.

First in her Head in the Government. 1dly.
In her Hands, in the Discipline. 2dly. In her
Ears, as in the Doctrine. 3dly. In her Feet,
as in the Worship.

First. The Kirk of Scotland is wounded in her
Head, she has gotten fit a Cloath in her Head, as
has gart all her Hairs nap, and her Senses, that
is, her Sense of Seeing; for the Kirk of Scotland
wuld a sev'als well as any Christian Kirk in the wylde
World, but now she cannot distinguish between
whyt and black; For bring but Peper before
her, and she cannot discern between that and the
true Religion.

Secondly, She is wounded in her Hearing. The
Kirk of Scotland could a Heard and Distinguishing
but sen the Organs were brought in, she has
grown as Deaf as a Door-Nail.

Thirdly, The Kirk of Scotland could a singe
as well as any Kirk in the World, but the Kirk

of *Rome* smelt so strangely, that she could a t
you, she smell'd of the Whore-of *Babel*; But
now bring the stinkenest Pepery to the Kirk
Scotland, and it will smell to her as sweet as
Apple: Now poor Spectacle! ye have seen her
Hands, and her fare *Legs*; A wofull Object
pity her if ye will: What say ye to the Cureing
her Senses; but some will tell, she is in as
a Case as ever she was. I'le tell you how fare,

First, The Kirk of *Scotland* tastes better than
ever she did before; the Kirk of *Scotland* sa
her Ministers in good little short Cloaks, with
Black Velvet Necks, and their little Cloaks
turned mae Sauls to God, nor ever this last
Gowns did; but ye shall see the Prowful Prelats
harled up and down the Town in Coaches, as
as many muck Carts; that is a bra sight indeed.

Secondly, The Kirk of *Scotland* Tastes better
then ever she did, and how fare? I'le tell you
good Minister wald a been content of a Dish
plain Milk and Bread, humble Meat indeed; but
our Prelats now, will have a Lick of the best
it: So ye see the Kirk of *Scotland* Tastes bet
ter then ever she did, and I have done with her
Senses.

Now, I'le tell you, how she is wounded in her
Hands, and that I call the Discipline of the
Kirk. For,

First, They flrichtered the Kirk of *Scotland*
ye ken well they use to flrichter Theives
Runaways; the Kirk of *Scotland* was baith.

1st. She was a Runaway, and that was in
Glorious time of Reformation, when she cam
lear awa fra *Rome*, and hard did they follow
er, and fain wald they been at her, but in

they had gotten their will, she wald a been sure
of her Laderties, or to speak more plainly of
her Dicells, but God be thanked they did not
overtake her.

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2dly. The Kirk of Scotland is a Theif, alas
she has gane to Rome, and has stown awa the Trash
and Trumpery, as the Books of *Common Prayer*
and *Canons*, wallawa ! But what trou ye she is
flichter'd with, but with a Silken Threed and a
Canonical Obedience to their Ordinary, and
waw but we have takengreat delight to be bound:
We had once a bonny Kirk, but after they got
us fast, they made the silken Threed a Cable-
Tow, with which they girded us so fast that we
could not sae much as fidge, but either we must
run into the Danger of blind Obedience on the
one side, to accept of all Idolatry and Supersti-
tious Ceremonies they imposed on us, or on the
the other hand, be Mensworn Men ; Na, the
Kirk of Scotland is sae wounded in her *Hands*,
that thir Twenty Years bygane, she coud not
make her Hummock in a cald day, for the Kirk
of Scotland thir Twenty Years bygane, coud
not have a Meeting in a Lawful Assembly; and so I
have done with her *Hands* : Now I come to
tell you how, how she is wounded in her *Feet*; and
that I call the Worship of the Kirk of Scotland.

The Kirk of Scotland was a bonny trotting
Naig, but then she trotted sae hard, that never
a Man durst rid her, but the Bishops, wha after
they gat on on her Back, Corf's langed her, and
Hapshackled her, and when she became a bonny
pacing Beast, they took great pleasure to Ride
on her, but their Cadging her up and down from
Edinburgh to London, and it may be from Rome
too,

too, gave her sik a het Coat, that we have th-
 Twelve Months bygane been stirring her up
 down to keep her fae foundyng; Yea, th-
 made not only a Horse but an Ais of the Kirk
 Scotland: How fas quo ye? what mean ye
 this? I'le tell you how, they made *Balaam*
 of her, ye ken well enough. *Balaam* was go-
 an unluckie gait, and first the Angel met
 in a broad way, and then the Ais bogled
 startled, but *Balaam* got by the Angel, and
 her and *Balaam* her sufficiently, that wds w/
 Episcopacy came in, and then they gave
 Kirk of Scotland her Paiks; Afterward *Balaam*
 met the Angel in a strait gait, and then she ha-
 led more then before; but *Balaam* till her
 gain and whaked her soundly, that was w/
 the five Articles of *Perth* were brought
 The third time the Angel met *Balaam* in
 strait a gait, that the Ais could not win by
 and then it pleased the **LORD** to open the
Balaams Eyes, and that is this happy days w/
 Now GOD has opened all our Eyes, we were
 like blind *Balaam*, ganging an unluckie gait
 and Riding post to *Rome*, and what was goin
 behind him upon the Ais, wat ye? I'le tell you
 there was a Pockmancy; And what was in
 trou ye? but the Book of Cannons and of Com-
 mon Prayer, and the High Commission; But as
 soon as the Ais sees the Angel, she falls a fling-
 ing and a plunging, and oregangs the Pockmancy,
 and it hings by the string on the one side, and
 aff-gaes blind *Balaam*, and he hings by the
 Hough on the other side; and fain wald the
 Carle been on the Saddle again, and been con-
 tent to leave his Pockmancy. But Beloved, her
 not

not the false Swigour get on again, for if he getteth on again he will be sure to get on his Bookmar-
ry alio.

The ash Wound the Kirk of Scotland got was
in her Heart, and that I told you was the Devil
of the Kirk of Scotland, and that is *Peprie*
and *Arrianism*, whilk is sae tyse in our Schools
and Kirks; now, are there not some of you that
are sittin here and hears me, wha wald not a
wicht your selves a Hundred times to a been out
of the Kirk, when ye heard the *Peprie* Stuff that
cam frae them. Ye have heard many times
Brethren (Compared together) the Kirk and
our Lord Jesus, for he is the Head, and the Kirk
is the Body, and that our Saviour ere he enter-
ed the Ministry he was carried by *Lucifer* (God
save us) to the Wildernes where he was Tempt-
ed of the *Meikle Droll*, then he was Rejected
and let light of by all; But as soon as he began
to work his Miracles, he was carried up to Je-
rusalem in Triumph, there was nothing in them
Mouths then, but *Hosanna's*, *Blest is he that comes*
in the Name of the Lord, but the next News that
they heard, in they came with *Halters* and
Farbards *Stalves* frae the High Priest to appre-
hend him; just sae is it with the Poor Kirk of Scot-
land, for this year bygaine she has fitten Desolate
and in the Wildernes cōtained, nothing cared
for by man, and now is the Glorious Day, she
is Rydding in Triumph to Jerusalem, now there
is nothing ut all Mouths but *Hosanna's*, but take
heed when they come with *Swords* and *Stalves* frae
the Hight Priest, that some do not with *Peter*
shaw a pair of Heels and forsake her.

They have not only made an *Afe* of the Kirk
of

Q. 26. of Scotland but they have betrayed her, ye wha betrayed our Saviour, they betrayed that were silent in sae good a Cause, they betrayed him that accused him, thac Judged him, they betrayed him that forlook him; but where will ye find the false Judas all the while? now I'll tell you a Tale, I dar not say it is true, but ye shall have it as I have it; When I was a little Boy at the School, there was a Hop Theologue, wha is now na small Man in the Land, and being to Preach the very same Word of Judas, *What will ye give me and I will betray him?* The young Man Learned his Text sae well that he could a tal'd it baith in *Latine* and *Scots*, *Quid mibi dabis & ego tradum illum?* what will ye give me and I will betray him? There was a Good-man Sittitg at the Foot of the Pulpit, standing up looking in his Face, said, Marie give you a good Fat Bishoprick, and then I assure ye will betray him; say ye sae; What will ye betray the Kirk of Scotland? I need not tell you, but the Kirk of Scotland was once an *Bonnie Kirk* and a *Bonnie Gramar School*, and well she had Skill in *Regimen & Concordia* and could a made a peice of *Bonnie Latine*, for every thing she was forced to *da Regul* and when she offended she was sure of *paix M'num*; But afterwards when she went to the College she had mair Liberty, and first of all she began to *Rhetorick*, but instead of proper speaking she Learned nothing but *Hyperboles* and *Allegories*, then she came into the *Logick*, and instead of true *Demonstrations* she Learned nothing but *Homonimies* and *Captious Syllogisms*, afterwards she came to *Aethicks*, but she did no trouble

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ouble her self meikle with them, but Studied
the Politicks, and that sae well, that she turned
all Religion into *Meer flat Policy*; for Metaphy-
sicks she kens they are Ens; and that must be
animus, verum, bonum; and that all these three must
be in true Religious, but this was too high a
Theme for her, wherefore she studied more the
Physicks and turned all into *Materia prima*, and
made it self Capable of any Form they pleased
to Impose upon us.

After he had done with Sermon and Prayer,
then stood he up to give the Blessing, and there-
after said as follows.

*I ken well enough it is not the Fashion of this place to
speak any thing after Prayer, but because I had
meikle to say, and one thing dang another out
of my head, wherefore I must beg Leave to add
a Word or two.*

AND first of all, I will speak to you who are,
the Members of the College of Justice, and
why I pray you, will not ye Subscribe the Co-
venant? ye will say to me, ye are Employed by
His Majesty in some special Affairs, and you cannot
with your Honour Subscribe the Covenant;
This is a bra Answer indeed; there is not the
Meaneſt Man that gathers up Twenty Merks for
the King *per Annum*, but may have this Hole to
go out at, then we shall have a bra Subſcribing,
yea, yea, there is but one Man between God
and you, get by that Man, and get to God.

And in the second place, Why do not ye No-
blemen Subscribe the Covenant? ye will say *noli
me tangere*, Howſoever I'le give you a Touch,
It may be you will be put to it, ye will say,
we must Ride in Parliament Order, the mean-

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and shift your self to the
vessel, and then we will enter, that
bys Answer indeed, you have fashion in
South part of Scotland, that when ye come
abord, the Jacobins must wener over first
pon the weak weary thing, and if he can get
you back again, then we cannot the less
misused on his return. Stand over god
this is not Right. But we think well. Right
have a better lesson for the rebels to see
Fool, and when we come to the board you
both to leave it. And, therefore, we join
to Oxford, and Arm to Arm, and Loun
gether in the Poor and Mass Brown of Broom
even to here, let your Hands round your
and if we perish, let all perish.

Note. We speake a word to you
Town of Edinburgh; and that I know
yesterday City empty, yet have at your
Arrival to be ready to receive the Covenant
be your master, ye are in Office
and next Year all your Office be ours, which
we will leave the Covenant. That is a day
ever indeed, it may be God will get this
done ere the next Year. Who will sent to
Bethel to get your Clerks Register and lock
your Rolls, and see if ever the Town of Edi
burgh suffered for joining with the King of Scotland
D 13 of all, I have a minnow Chalk a Ward to you 1000
Stevens, with the Tying knot, do it to the place
for Tyrone, and will be in London by the 10th of June, when we
make our shew to the Covenant, and to see with the
gentry here abouts, Civil Affairs, and then come and be
handed to you, the Covenant, also take my advice
I am Afraid, when will you see your King again, and
have another Day of Recompence, and will see all the
opeland and subversive the Covenant, and to foretell,

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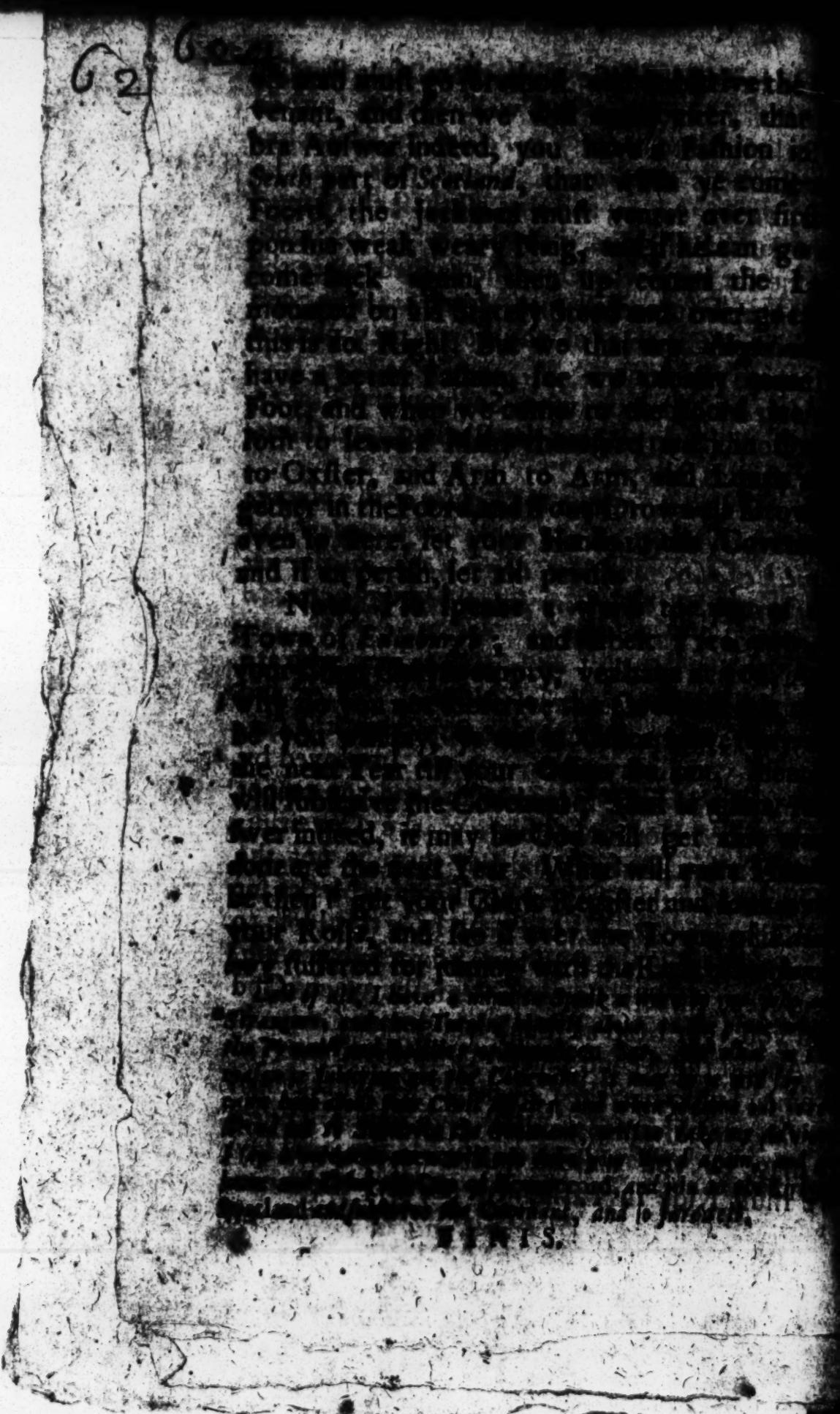
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